

August 22, 1991

8TH RANKED STINGERS OPEN CAMP FRIDAY

Head coach Pat Sheahan will welcome over 90 prospects when the Concordia Stingers open training camp Friday. Sheahan, the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference Coach of the Year, is cautiously optimistic about the 1991 Stinger squad.

The Concordia University Stingers, ranked 8th in pre-season polls, are coming off a second place finish in 1990 and hope to once again be in the hunt for an elusive O-QIFC title. The Stingers' only claim to a league championship came in 1982 when they defeated Queen's 26-15.

Concordia will rely heavily on 1990 Hec Creighton nominee and pre-season All-Canadian **Ron Aboud** to lead the Stinger offence in 1991. The all-star pivot and league MVP is coming off a banner season and looks like he'll be creating more havoc for O-QIFC defences this season. Aboud will have some talented receivers to work with when the Stingers break camp on August 23. Rookie sensation **Jean-François Joyal** returns for his sophomore season at slot back. Joyal, the O-QIFC Rookie of the Year in 1990, led all Stinger receivers with 27 receptions in seven games and received an all-star nomination in his freshman year. Concordia will also enjoy the return of wideouts **Hubert Marsolais** and **Andy Peterkin**. Marsolais has the best hands of all Stinger receivers and has worked hard to improve his speed. Peterkin, Concordia's resident engineer, finished last year with 3.44 GPA in mechanical engineering and also developed a reputation as Concordia's "Big Play" receiver. Things look bright for Concordia's passing attack in autumn '91.

The Stinger backfield will consist of a great mix of speed and size, youth and experience. The veteran **J.F. Héroux** returns for his fifth campaign in Concordia colours. Héroux has been Concordia's most exciting offensive player over the past three seasons and looks to rebound from an injury-riddled 1990. Héroux has great speed and receiving ability and is reknown for being able to cut on a dime on a running play. Héroux will be joined in the backfield by massive fullback **Dio Mastrodomenico**. Dio is a Blake Marshall clone (Edmonton Eskimos) at 235 lbs and is most effective in the heavy traffic. **Roberto Pinazza** returns for his sophomore year in the O-QIFC after an impressive rookie season. Pinazza showed flashes of greatness during that season and should be a big name at Concordia by the end of this season. **Paul Quick** is also expected to be significant in the backfield at Concordia this year. The Kingston, Ontario native is a tough competitor with good speed and recovery ability. Speedster **Dave Glube** from Ottawa, Ontario rounds out the returning Stinger backfield. Glube is a big play guy who prides himself in being able to make things happen.

Concordia's offensive line will be, in Concordia fashion, "big and hearty". Veteran tackle and all-star **Jacques Moreau** (6'3; 275) returns for his fifth season at tackle. **Fred Marquette** (6'2; 250) should be the league's best guard in 1991. Marquette has great balance and technique combined with outstanding football savvy. Inspirational leader **Oliver Sofer** (6'0; 235) returns as the Stingers center while Concordia strongman **Bill Venieris** (6'0; 255) also returns to play either tackle or guard on the Con U front wall. Academic athlete **Steve Siciliano** (6'3; 260), **Cliff Cassidy** (6'0; 240) and **Ted Twohey** (6'1; 240) will all be scrapping for jobs to do the "tough stuff" up front for the Stingers.

Concordia's defence was the number one unit in the O-QIFC in 1990 allowing 70 points in seven games. The Stingers hope to be much stronger on the defensive front this year. **Paul Chesser** (6'3; 235) and **Kash Islam** (6'4; 240) will return at the defensive end spot, while **Dave Henry** (6'3; 240) and **Eric Burrows** (6'2; 290) will anchor the D-line from the defensive tackle position. Several newcomers will also contribute to the Stinger defensive line in 1991.

The Concordia linebackers will be the most improved unit on the Stinger team in 1991. All are back from last year with another season under their belts. They are bigger, stronger and faster this year. All-star middle backer **Gaston Thibodeau** (6'1; 218) is the only senior. Thibodeau lead all Concordia defenders in tackles last season. **Wayne Spencer** (6'0; 218) returns for his second year and is expected to see more action this year inside. **John Silvestre** (6'3; 220) returns to outside linebacker as does **Luc Pelland** (6'2; 220) and **Gary St-Louis** (6'1; 215), giving the Stingers needed size and strength outside. **Sistino Colatosti** (6'0; 195), the undersized phenom, returns for his second year for what should be a great season. Several outstanding rookies will also be at training camp for the Stingers in 1991.

Concordia had, without a doubt, the best secondary in the O-QIFC in 1990. This year's group will be led by 5th year veteran **John Dilegge** at corner. Dilegge, in addition to covering opposing receivers, has become the most feared kick returner in Canadian university football. Third year veterans **Eric Charest** (Calgary, Alta) and **Scott Hitchcock** (Markham, Ont.) will return as inside half backs while sophomore **Fred Mainville** (Montreal, PQ) returns as a physical free safety. The Stinger secondary should also see some new faces in 1991. Several outstanding prospects will be in camp August 23rd.

TRAINING CAMP PRACTICE SCHEDULE

(August 23-September 2)

9:00 - 11:00

and

3:30 - 5:30

(as of September 3)

Monday to Friday 4:00-7:00

Intra-squad Scrimmage - August 31st - 1:00 p.m.